

The St. Landry Clarion

LAWRENCE A. ANDREPONT Editor
YVES ANDREPONT Business Manager

THE CLARION CO. LTD., Proprietors

RATE OF SUBSCRIPTION.
One year \$1.00
Six months .50

INVARIABLY CASH IN ADVANCE
All Postoffice, Express and Bank Money Orders, Checks, Drafts, Etc., for subscription and advertisements must be made payable to the order of the St. Landry Clarion, or to the Business Manager.

Official Journal of St. Landry Parish

The St. Landry (La.) Clarion is without doubt one of the best edited and printed weeklies in the whole South.—AMERICAN NEWSPAPER UNION.

Entered at the Postoffice at Opelousas, Louisiana as second-class matter.

OUR CHOICE FOR GOVERNOR

The Clarion has heretofore refrained from any expressions, as to its choice, between the two worthy sons of Louisiana, who are aspirants for the Democratic nomination for governor of their native state. In adopting this policy it was our purpose to await a full discussion of these candidates, of their respective platforms to the end that we might determine for ourselves which of the two would better serve the people of this state. We have decided after mature deliberation that Lieutenant Governor Thomas C. Barret, is entitled to our support.

In reaching this conclusion we wish it understood that we entertain the highest regard for Col. Ruffin Pleasant, both as a citizen and as an official and that if elected governor he would give to the state his best efforts. But Louisiana today stands in need of a chief executive, who is familiar with her wants, one who has watched the administration of public affairs and by experience will be able to separate the chaff from the grain. In Lieutenant Governor Barret we believe that such a man will be found. His long experience, as a legislator, both as member of the lower house and as a member of the senate and his service as lieutenant governor, has afforded him ample opportunity to study the needs of Louisiana and if elevated to the executive chair he brings with him a mind sharpened by legislative debates and a judgment ripened by years of legislative experience.

True it is that we are not in accord with the doctrine of prohibition and whenever this issue will be presented to the people of Louisiana we will be found fighting against state-wide prohibition. Yet as a Democratic paper we recognize the Democratic doctrine of the right of the people to decide for themselves every great economic or moral question.

When, therefore, the issue was drawn between Col. Pleasant and Mr. Barret on the question of state-wide prohibition, the one advocating a submission of the question to the people, the other expressing a determination to veto any legislation looking to that end, we felt that we would be false to the traditions of our Democratic forefathers did we not appreciate and recognize the rights of the people to have a voice in the settlement of this question. Therefore, though we may differ with Mr. Barret and many of his warm supporters, as to the question of prohibition, the many other qualifications which he possesses and which so eminently fit him for the office of governor, so outweigh these differences, as to make it a part of our civic duty to accord him a full measure of our support.

THE SCHOOL TAX

The taxpayers of Opelousas have to settle the school question; they have to decide between education and idleness for their offsprings. Unless they vote for the school maintenance tax, which will appear before the taxpayers of this school district on January 11, they will surely be in favor of closing the schools in this district.

Some taxpayers, who are afraid to express themselves against the proposed maintenance tax, state that they will not participate in the tax election, leaving the tax advocates under the impression that they will do nothing to harm the passage of the measure. The taxpayer who has not sufficient interest in the community to refrain from going to the polls on the day of the election, certainly cannot be relied upon. It's a dead certainty that he will do all in his power, in a secret manner to defeat the measure.

Naturally there are those who will cast their vote against the measure, who are conscientious. These we pity, for lack of knowledge on the subject. It is up to those interested in the Opelousas school to put forth every effort possible to assure the voting of the tax. The small taxpayer, especially if urged to come to the polls on that day because it requires several small property owners' votes to "fill" the votes of some few taxpayers in this city.

LOEB'S CANDIDACY STILL PROGRESSES

The candidacy of Hon. E. L. Loeb for Mayor of the City has made so much headway up to this time, that we feel he could easily rest on the campaign he has made and calmly wait the results.

The people of this city all know Mayor Loeb, know what successful and efficient administrations he has given the city and feel perfectly confident that he will stand by them in all of their needs, comforts and the right to live and enjoy life, in the proper manner.

He is a substantial business man, a sober, industrious and watchful official, and has no other absorbing profession or trade which will for a moment take his eye from the public business, to which he has dedicated and is dedicating the best years of his life.

We say vote for Loeb and Opelousas.

JEFFERSON PARISH

While several of our contemporaries have been engaged for several days in severely and bitterly criticizing Governor Hall for his actions in attempting to rid Jefferson parish of lawlessness other and less prejudiced newspapers have commended and congratulated Louisiana's chief executive for having dispatched the state militia to the scene of the disturbance in Gretna.

Political enemies of Governor Hall, who had no regard whatever for the good name of the state, persist in criticizing the governor for doing what he thinks is right. We admit that we have, in the majority of cases, disagreed with Governor Hall, but we have always given him credit when he deserved it. In engaging the troops of the Louisiana militia to rid "the free state of Jefferson" of notorious gamblers, we think the governor is within the jurisdiction of his powers. Even if he weren't we are bound to applaud him for trying to better conditions in a parish which has no regard whatever for the laws of Louisiana.

THE JEFFERSON HIGHWAY

Opelousas has an opportunity of securing the Jefferson highway, if the citizens of this city would only get to work on the proposition. Other communities are endeavoring to get on this proposed modern highway.

The present plan is to connect New Orleans and Alexandria, by means of Baton Rouge. It is evident that the road could be made to pass through Opelousas and from there go to Baton Rouge, over the Opelousas-Port Barre road and from there to Krotz Springs, which will soon be busy erecting a road leading to Port Barre.

We understand that the citizens of Pointe Coupee will hold a meeting at Livonia on Sunday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the Jefferson Highway; these people are anxious to be on this road and they tell us that if the citizens of St. Landry are willing to co-operate with them the probabilities are that both parishes will be traversed by this interstate highway.

The importance of being on this highway needs not be called to the attention of the citizens of this city. We realize that hundreds of automobile tourists would visit this city annually on their way to New Orleans from northern points; Opelousas would be connected with the most important cities of Louisiana by means of a national highway.

Why not see what can be accomplished along that line? A delegation of citizens should be sent to the Pointe Coupee meeting tomorrow, so that St. Landry could assure its sister parish that she is ready to co-operate on this important proposition.

THE PARISH FAIR

The members of the parish police jury are to be highly complimented for having increased the parish fair appropriation from \$300 to \$500. The jurors saw and appreciated the parish fair last October; they realized the unlimited amount of good that will eventually be derived from the successful agricultural show held in the old High School building on October 28-29-30.

The fact that the police jurors deemed the parish fair worthy of an appropriation should leave those citizens who were at first opposed to the fair to work in harmony with those who worked so faithfully to promote this worthy enterprise.

All those who visited the 1915 St. Landry fair pronounced it a distinct and unique success. Many of our most industrious citizens, doubtful of the success of the undertaking, did not even espouse interest in the fair to the extent of placing exhibits at the fair. These very persons however, are among the biggest and best boosters of the fair. To the

great satisfaction of the St. Landry Farmers Fair Association these citizens will have some of the best livestock and agricultural products on exhibit at the 1916 fair.

Let us hope that the city council will follow in the footsteps of the parish fathers by appropriating a like amount to the cause of the farmers. This city derives just as much, if not more, material and financial assistance as does the parish.

With the state, parish and city appropriations and with other funds already in sight The St. Landry Farmers Fair Association can assure the people of St. Landry the greatest individual parish fair in Louisiana during the year 1916.

The negro Cohen, who was insulted because the white Republicans of Louisiana refused to sit in convention with him, pleaded with the national committee and was ignored. The sooner the negroes are ignored entirely, in politics, as did the Democrats, that party will quickly flourish in Louisiana.

State Press Opinion

OPPONENT'S TRIBUTE

Hon. Thos. C. Barret has made a success as far as worldly possessions are concerned. He deserves consideration for having won success in the business world where so many others failed. Mr. Barret started out to fight life's battle when a very small boy. He sold papers for a living. He was forced to do this in order to sustain life. Later he worked at other occupations, always with the idea of making an honest living and of gaining and retaining the respect and confidence of those with whom he came in contact. By his own honest efforts he went higher and higher until today he enjoys the esteem and respect of thousands of people who admire pluck and energy. He has been repeatedly honored by the voters of his parish and the entire state, and is now a candidate for governor. He has achieved success, too, in a business way, for he has invested his earnings wisely. Certainly Mr. Barret deserves to be recognized, if favors are to be extended for having come up from a newspaper boy to the position he occupies to-day.—Moonroe News-Star.

FREE STATE OF JEFFERSON

The "free state of Jefferson," just across the river from New Orleans, is under martial law, and Adjutant General McNeese, in command of the state troops, is quartered on the Gretna green. The cause of this deplorable condition of affairs is, first, saloons and gambling dens; second, corrupt officeholders. A combination that can always be depended upon, if given free rein to start something that will require the presence of the state militia to stop. This bedlam that has been going on down in Jefferson parish for sometime past is about the strongest argument in favor of prohibition that could be advanced.—De Ridder Enterprise.

WHAT A CRIME

Shreveport Journal: Upon the heels of that disclosure comes the announcement that Joseph L. O'Dwyer, whose lottery and gambling joint was raided on November 28th, is a jury commissioner. What would the people of Caddo or any other north or central Louisiana parish think of a man caught red-handed in the operation of a gambling den being closed with the responsibility of selecting its jury panels? What impression would be created in this section of the state by the discovery that two sworn officers of the law were systematically violating the law against lotteries? We can imagine the wave of indignation and feeling of resentment that would sweep over any north or central Louisiana parish were the things charged to official Jefferson and proven against it, to find lodgment in any political sub-division of the territory named.

USURPING PRIVILEGE OF DEITY

Alexandria Town Talk: The little Chicago baby who could never have been a human being was a case in itself—death was undoubtedly merciful there. But artificial "euthanasia" is a different thing. So long as we have apparently hopeless sufferers on our hands, so long will every effort be made to discover cures for hitherto incurable conditions. They are a spur to medical research. And to say that a case is incurable because none like it has been cured before reminds one a little of that patent office clerk who in 1833 resigned his job because, since everything had been invented, he felt sure that the patent office was destined to go out of existence very soon.

M. WINSBERG

THE STORE OF QUALITY

Christmas Suggestions

I have received the finest line of Christmas gifts for Men and Boys ever brought to this city. Come early and select your choice.

Below I Will Give a Few of the Many Articles, too numerous to mention

For Men

Neckwear, Silk Socks, Handkerchiefs, silk and linen, Sweaters, Over Coats, Mackinaws, Gloves, Suits for men and Youth, Umbrellas, Shoes.

For Boys

Suits, Over Coats, Mackinaws Neckwear, Belts Hats, Shoes.

Sets of Socks, Ties and Silk Handkerchiefs to match. In fact everything suitable for Christmas gifts. Come around and let us show you through all these fine gifts for Christmas and New Year.

Remembr The Place

M. Winberg

THE RELIABLE CLOTHER

Landry St. Opelousas, La.

A FEW

Xmas Dinner Suggestions

DRESSED TURKEY, DOVE and SWIFT HAMS and BACONS. GILLET IMPORTED FINE PETIT POIS. FIRST CHOICE MUSHROOMS. WHOLE ASPARAGUS and TIPS. STUFFED and PLAIN OLIVES. SPANISH PIMENTOS. C. & B. CHOWCHOW, SOUR and SWEET PICKLES. LEA & PERRIN, RED SNAPPER and OYSTER COCKTAIL SAUCE. IMPORTED CAPERS. CALIFORNIA FRUITS, such as PEACHES, APRICOTS, PEARS, PLUMS and MUSCAT GRAPES. MARASCHINO CHERRIES, WELCH'S GRAPE JUICE. PINE APPLE SLICED, GRATED and CHUNKS. MINCE MEAT. ATMORE PLUM PUDDING. CRANBERRY SAUCE. SLICED BEEF. CORN BEEF. LUNCH TONGUE. DEVILED HAM. BONELESS CHICKEN. HAMBURGER STEAK, VEAL and LOAF HAM. CITRON, RAISIN, CURRANTS, ORANGES and LEMON PEELS. WALLNUTS, ALMONDS and MIXED NUTS. EVAPORATED and CRYSTALIZED FRUITS. FRENCH HOME BOILED HAM. PASTRY, CREAMERY and COUNTRY BUTTER. IMPORTED SWISS, BRICK, ROQUEFORD and LIMBURGER CHEESE. ALSO A FULL LINE OF FRESH FRUITS.

Dardeau & Fields

SUCCESSION SALE

ESSTATE OF EUZEBE LA-FLEUR

No. —, Sixteenth Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish Louisiana.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable B. H. Pavy, Judge of the 16th Judicial District Court of Louisiana, bearing date Dec. 8, 1915, and in pursuance to a commission to me directed, signed by A. J. T. Littell, Deputy Clerk of said Court, I, the undersigned, or any duly licensed auctioneer, will sell, at public auction, on the last and highest bidder, on the premises at Moundville, La., on SATURDAY, JAN. 22, 1916, at 11 o'clock A. M., the follow-

ing described property, to-wit: A certain tract or parcel of land with all the building and improvements thereon, containing one hundred arpents, more or less, situated in Moundville, in this parish, and bounded North by Estate of F. M. Wartelle and Johnson, South by M. A. McDaniel, East by Bayou Courtaubiau, and West by public road.

A certain tract or parcel of land situated in same neighborhood, with buildings and improvements thereon, containing sixty arpents more or less, and bounded North by Estate of F. M. Wartelle and Freeman Brown, South by David Cook, East by public road and west by Bayou Caron. Six head of horned cattle;

One horse, one surrey, one wagon, one stock cutter, agricultural implements, household furniture, kitchen utensils.

Terms and Conditions: Cash on day of sale. BUSSIE LAFFLEUR, Administrator.

dec 18 6t
NOTICE is hereby given that I will apply to the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Landry for a license or permit to operate a saloon for white people at my former place of business at Morrow, La., for the year 1916.
dec-11-4t U. S. FISHER.

C. P. Dunbar and a party of friends enjoyed an outing at Second Lake during the week.